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67TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION.

S. 535.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 12, 1921.

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APRIL 18 (calendar day, APRIL 19), 1921.

Reported by Mr. Kellogg, with amendments.

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A BILL

To prevent the unauthorized landing of submarine cables in the United States.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That no person shall land or operate in the United States any
- 4 submarine cable directly or indirectly connecting the United
- 5 States with any foreign country, or connecting one portion
- 6 of the United States with any other portion thereof, unless
- 7 a written license to land or operate such cable has been issued
- 8 by the President of the United States: Provided, however,
- 9 That any cable now laid within the United States without a
- 10 license granted by the President may continue to operate
- 11 without such license for a period of thirty days from the date
- 12 of the approval of this Act.

- 1 SEC. 2.—That the President may withhold such license
- 2 when in his judgment such action promotes the interest
- 3 of the United States, or may grant such license upon such
- 4 terms and conditions as in his judgment promote the interests
- 5 of the United States.
- 6 Sec. 2. That the President may withhold or revoke
- 7 such license when he shall be satisfied that such action will
- 8 assist in securing rights for the landing or operation of cables
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- 10 of the United States or of its citizens in foreign countries, or
- 11 will promote the security of the United States, or may grant
- 12 such license upon such terms as shall be necessary to assure
- 13 just and reasonable rates and service: Provided, That the
- 14 license shall not contain terms or conditions which will pre-
- 15 vent the issuance of other licenses.
- SEC. 3. That the President is empowered to prevent
- 17 the landing of any cable about to be landed in violation of
- 18 this Act. Any district court of the United States exercising
- 19 jurisdiction in the district in which any cable is about to
- 20 be landed in violation of this Act, or has been landed in viola-
- 21 tion of this Act, shall have jurisdiction to enjoin the landing
- 22 of such cable, or to compel by injunction the removal of such
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- 24 this Act, and if the conditions of such license shall not be
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- 5 Sec. 4. That whoever wittingly commits, instigates,
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- 8 than \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or
- 9 both.
- 10 Sec. 5. That the term "United States" as used in
- 11 this Act includes the Canal Zone and all territory, continen-
- 12 tal or insular, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States
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- 14 Sec. 6. That no vested right shall accrue to any Gov-
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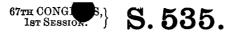
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